--- 8 Cigars - "Series of 1965" - *imperforate* - 19 x 22½ mm. - scanned at 150% scale ---

--- "General Cigars", Montreal - in 5 mm. Gothic three-digit <u>vertical</u> red - from 1965-69 ---

--- using a thin 2½ mm. Gothic reversed company code 10D-2 **---**

"General Cigars", Montreal, used the small black eight cigar stamp **RG-724** with a single 5 mm. red Gothic three digit number plus a 1½ mm. Gothic company code 10D-2 - both reading vertically down.
The cancellation collection contains:

★**RG-724** - 8 cigars, *imperforate*, coded 10D-2 **/ 230** by "General Cigars", Montreal

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**230**	---	---
1966	**233**	**234**	**235**	**236**	**237**	---	---	**240**	**241**	**242**	**243**	**244**
1967	---	**246**	**247**	**248**	**249**	**250**	**251**	**252**	**253**	---	---	---
1968	**257**	**258**	**259**	---	---	**262**	---	---	**265**	**266**	**267**	**268**
1969	**269**	**270**	---	**272**	**273**	---	**275**	**276**	**277**	---	---	---

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NOTE: All of the red codes listed (e.g. **230** etc.) are found in the cancellation collection. Any codes highlighted in yellow (e.g. **234**) were taken from eBay and ***are not*** in the collection.

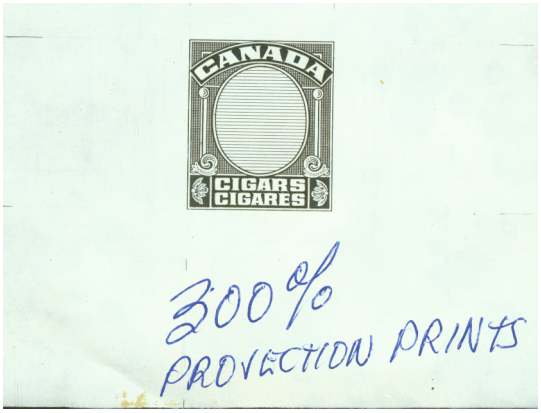
The catalogue lists a four cigar *coarse roulette* stamp in the "Series of 1965" as **RG-722**. The collection ***does not contain***, nor have I seen a copy of this item. **WANTED!**

I find it interesting that practically all of the later cigar issues used by "General Cigars" seem to run two separate cancellation sequences with **230** and continue until **280**. Why? I have noticed that the company as listed on the cigar boxes goes "B. Houde" - "Houde & Grothe" - "General Cigars" - "Imperial Tobacco Sales" - "General Cigars".

Lee Brandom introduces the series as from 1965, however "Albert Cigars", Toronto [**50E-7**] did not begin to use the 5 cigar "Coat-of-Arms" **RG-716** until 1971. When was "Albert Cigars" founded? "Benson & Hedges" [**34-10D**] began using **RG-716** in 1967.

--- 8 Cigars - “Numeral Series of 1967” - “General Cigars”, Montreal [10D-2] ---

--- The basic, central design, die proof for the numeral Series of 1967, *from the collection of Fritz Angst*.---



the basic central design die proof

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